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1. On 6 Mar 54 Defense Minister Čepička signed a decree setting on foot the People's Reserve Army. This new army will be formed from the units of the Active Reserve, the units of the Ordinary Reserve, and the units of civil employees.
2. The principal objective of this Reserve will be to assure the materiel security<sup>25X1</sup> of the Czechoslovak regular army. Major Gen. Emanuel Ohlad has been named its commander and Lt. Gen. Václav Kráský its chief of staff.
3. The organization of the Reserve Army will be independent of that of the regular army, whose numbers will not be diminished, but rather augmented by the organization of this new force.

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